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Man Pleads Guilty to Killing Motorcyclist in Wrong-Way DUI Crash

A San Diego man pleaded guilty today to killing a motorcyclist in a DUI crash while going the wrong direction on the 405 Freeway earlier this year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Gabriel Anthony Fajardo (dob 2/4/96) was convicted of one felony count each of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury. He also admitted allegations that he inflicted great bodily injury upon the victim, 57-year-old Nicholas Phillip Mann of Hawthorne.

Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 11 in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Torrance Branch. He is expected to be sentenced to four years and four months in state prison as part of the negotiated plea agreement.

On Feb. 4, Fajardo was driving his pickup truck northbound in the carpool lane of the southbound 405 Freeway near Artesia Boulevard in Torrance when he crashed into a motorcycle driven by Mann, said Deputy District Attorney Thuy Pham, who prosecuted the case. The victim died at the scene.

The California Highway Patrol, South Los Angeles Station, investigated the case.

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